

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
601 NEVADA HIGHWAY
BOULDER CITY, NEVADA 89005**

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SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDERS

Pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, Title 16, Section 3, and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following Superintendent's Orders are established for Lake Mead National Recreation Area and supplement Parts 1-7 of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

1.5 Closure and Public Use Limits

(a)(1) Upper and Lower Gypsum Wash Closure

The following closures relate to that area commonly referred to as Upper Gypsum Wash 4.2 and Lower Gypsum Wash 4.4.

The following are prohibited:

1. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages.
2. Use or possession of glass containers.
3. Camping by vehicle, boat, or by foot.

(a)(1) Lower Gypsum Wash

The following closure relates only to that area commonly referred to as Lower Gypsum Wash 4.4.

1. Motor vehicle travel is prohibited.

(a)(1) Fishing in Harbors

Fishing in marinas, boats moored at marinas, or within harbors is prohibited, except fishing may be permitted within the harbor when allowed by the posting of appropriate signs. The Willow Beach Harbor for the purpose of this order is defined as that area within the confines of the flat wake buoys extending from the Arizona shoreline to a point approximately 3/4 of the distance to the Nevada shoreline.

(a)(1) Fishing in Boulder Beach SCUBA Dive Area

The primary purpose of the dive area is for SCUBA diving and directly related activities. Shoreline fishing is permitted as long as it does not interfere with dive activities. Fishing from all vessels, float tubes, and other floating devices is not permitted. Fisherman shall not interfere with, annoy, or endanger any person in the water or boats supporting dive operations. The casting of fishing lures and plugs in the vicinity of divers and boats is unsafe and is not permitted.

(a)(1) Basic Water company (BWC) Water Tower, Saddle Island.

The area commonly referred to as the BWC water intake tower located on the Southwest section of Saddle Island is closed to all non authorized personnel and vessels. The restriction includes the tower and all waters within a 100 feet of it. Vessels and people are prohibited from fastening on to the buoy system that designates this closure area.

(a)(1) Boulder Beach Closure and Quiet Hours

The area commonly referred to as Boulder Beach is closed to vehicles between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The area includes the north and south swim beaches, picnic area, personal watercraft beach and the special events beach. Quiet hours are also hereby established during those hours consistent with those regulating noise in the campground.

(a)(1) Princess Cove Road

That section of the old Princess Cove Road that lies between the Katherine Mine Site Road and the new Princess Cove Road is closed to general vehicular traffic. The road may be opened at the discretion of the Superintendent or his designee in the event of an emergency or to alleviate traffic congestion on the Princess Cove, Cabin-Site, and/or Katherine Access Road.

(a)(1)(2) Backcountry Use

Use of the backcountry within Lake Mead National Recreation Area shall be governed by the stipulations set forth in the Backcountry Management Plan, copies of which are on file at the Headquarters Office located at 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, Nevada 89005, and at each Ranger Station located within the recreation area.

(a)(2) Personal Watercraft Use

Between November 7, 2002, and April 10, 2003, PWC use at Lake Mead National Recreation Area will be allowed in conformance with the following stipulations:

PWC use will continue with no restrictions: On Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove downriver to Davis Dam, on Lake Mohave from the powerline crossing at Monkey Hole (near marker 48) to the north side of the Willow Beach harbor, in the Boulder Basin and Boulder Canyon area, in the Overton Arm between Black Ridge and Cathedral Cove, and in the Temple Bar Area between Burrow Bay and Delmar Bay.

The following areas will be closed to PWC use: From below Hoover Dam to the north side of the harbor at Willow Beach, from the powerline crossing at Monkey Hole (near marker 48) south to Eldorado Canyon, Bonelli Bay, Gypsum Bay, from Iceberg Canyon to the boundary of the Grand Canyon, and in the Overton Arm north of Black Ridge.

The remainder of the lake will be open to PWC use with a 200 foot wakeless zone extending from all shorelines.

After April 10, 2003, PWC use is prohibited until authorized by special regulation.

(a)(2) Golf Carts And Other Like Vehicles

The operating of golf carts and other like vehicles are permitted in accordance with the applicable state and federal laws. These vehicles are considered motor vehicles when powered by gas products and/or electricity.

- (a) Operating a golf cart or like vehicle not in accordance with state law, 36 CFR 4.2 (b) and applicable state law.
- (b) Golf Carts and like vehicles may only be operated in limited areas as designated in each developed area. It is the operators responsibility to know the designated operating areas. Operation outside the designated areas is prohibited.

(a)(2) Low Speed Vehicles

- (a) Low speed vehicles which conform to all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards and that are licensed and insured may be operated on park roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, and may cross roads with higher speed limits.

(a)(2) Use of Fishing Docks

All fishing docks are hereby designated as facilities primarily for the use of “physically challenged” fishermen. All other fishermen are prohibited from interfering with the free use of the facilities by physically challenged fishermen.

(a)(2) Glass Containers

Glass containers are not permitted in the following areas.

1. On the beach and/or beach parking areas of Boulder Beach from the causeway south to the cliffs south of Horsepower Cove, Nevada.
2. On the beach and/or beach parking area of the designated area for picnicking and swimming at South Telephone Cove, Arizona.
3. All shoreline access areas beginning on the south end of Saddle Cove and running north and east along the shoreline through Government Wash.
4. On trails and ¼ mile to either side leading west from the trailhead parking lot at mile 4.2 on U.S. 93 to Lake Mohave including the Arizona Hot springs, washes, canyons, and river trail between White Rock and Arizona Hot Springs Canyon.
5. From shoreline access areas on Lake Mohave west through Boy Scout Canyon to the Boy Scout Canyon trailhead parking lot.
6. From shoreline access areas on Lake Mohave west through Goldstrike Canyon to the Goldstrike Canyon trailhead parking lot.
7. All the beach areas within the confines of the flat wake buoys of the Cottonwood Cove Harbor.

(a)(2) Personal Flotation Devices

All occupants on board hand propelled watercraft operating between Hoover Dam and Mile 43 on Lake Mohave are required to wear a USCG approved personal flotation device while their vessel is underway.

(a)(2) Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's), Carriage Requirements

All devices capable of flotation with a person aboard or of transporting a person on or through the water, including sailboards but excluding aircraft, must comply with the following requirement; no person may use such a device, or permit the use of such a device on the waters of Lake Mead National Recreation Area unless it is equipped with a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD of a wearable type for each person aboard or being transported. Each PFD must be serviceable, readily accessible, and of the proper size for the person intended.

This requirement shall not apply to such devices being used along the shoreline in an area, or in a manner, consistent with use for typical recreational swimming. This requirement shall apply to such device being used in an area that causes them to be in company with motorboats being operated above idle speed.

This requirement does not authorize the use of any device in an area from which it is excluded by other regulation.

(a)(2) Buoy Installations

Use of temporary buoys for water ski “slalom” courses or personal watercraft courses, uniform sailing regattas, or similar uses, is permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. The area where the buoys are to be placed must meet the following conditions:
 - a. Must be outside the developed area as defined in the backcountry management plan.
 - b. Must not interfere with normal “point-to-point” boat traffic.
 - c. Must be in an area large enough that the course is a minimum 100 feet from any shoreline and a minimum 500 feet from any beach frequented by bathers.
2. The placing of the buoy course may not, in any way, pre-empt the use of water or shoreline area already in use by other recreational users.
3. The buoys may not be left in place overnight.
4. The use of any buoy course must be recreational and no competitive event is permitted unless authorized by Special Use Permit.
5. There will be no more than one power boat permitted on a buoy course at any given time.
6. The maximum number of turns defined by buoys in any given course is limited to 6.
7. All Federal and State regulations must be obeyed.

(a)(2) Water Ski Flag Required

A bright orange or bright red, square or rectangular flag, each side no less than 12 inches in length, shall be displayed while a skier, knee boarder, or other similar device pulled behind a vessel is in the water.

(a)(2) Fishing Restrictions, Hemenway Fishing Point

In that area identified as the Hemenway Fishing Point and bordered by restricted area buoys on the water and by the personal watercraft beach, the beach frontage road, and Hemenway Harbor on land, the following restriction is in effect: the water portion of this area is closed to boating, to swimming, to snorkeling, to diving, and to fishing in any manner except from the shoreline, or by wading, or by casting into the area from its exterior boundaries. In order

to be considered wading, a person fishing must be standing with their feet on the bottom and not capable of free flotation through the use of any device.

(a)(2) Fishing Restrictions, Pumphouse Cove

The southern portion of that area commonly referred to as Pumphouse Cove, bounded by the restricted area buoys on the north to the shoreline. The following restrictions are in effect whenever the restricted area buoys are in place. The water portion of this area is closed to boating, float-tubing, swimming, snorkeling, diving, and to fishing in any manner except from the shoreline, or by wading, or by casting into the area from its exterior boundaries. In order to be considered wading, a person fishing must be standing with their feet on the bottom and not capable of free flotation through the use of any device.

(a)(2) Hunting, Daylight Hours Only

Legal hunting time is during daylight hours only. Taking wild animals or birds by moonlight or artificial light is prohibited, except reptiles may be taken in hunting areas in the state of Arizona in accordance with state law.

(a)(2) Hunting, Trapping, and Shooting

The following areas are closed to all shooting, public hunting, trapping, and the possession of loaded weapons for reasons of public safety:

1. All lands and waters within a one-mile radius of: Overton Beach; Redstone Picnic Area; Rogers Spring; Stewarts Point, Echo Bay; Eldorado Canyon; Cottonwood Cove; Willow Beach; Kingman Wash; Bonelli Landing; Temple Bar; Gregg's Hideout; South Cove; Pearce Ferry; and the petroglyph section of Grapevine Canyon located in Section 24 Township 31 South, Range 65 East. For Sheep Hunters - (Note: During bighorn sheep season, closures around Gregg's Hideout and Kingman Wash are reduced to one-half (1/2) mile).
2. Boulder Basin - All lands and waters within the Nevada portion of the lower or Boulder Basin. This shall include all of the area from Hoover Dam to a north-south line near the peninsula lying between Hamblin Bay and Rotary Cove. Complete townships or portions thereof located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area that are included within this closure zone are all in the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian as follows:

Township 20 South, Range 63 East
 Township 20 South, Range 64 East
 Township 20 South, Range 65 East

Township 21 South, Range 66 East, Section 6, 7 & 18
 Township 21 South, Range 63 East
 Township 21 South, Range 63 1/2 East
 Township 21 South, Range 64 East
 Township 21 South, Range 65 East
 Township 22 South, Range 64 East
 Township 22 South, Range 65 East

3. Black Canyon - All lands and waters within a one-half (1/2) mile strip parallel to the Arizona/Nevada state line and running from Willow Beach to the Hoover Dam security zone.

Note: Bighorn sheep hunters only, during bighorn sheep season, closure is:

- a. Reduced to one-fourth mile north and south of Arizona Hot Springs.
 - b. Willow Beach modified (see Backcountry Management Plan) on the south side to accommodate hunters on the slopes of Big Nasty.
 - c. Water closure remains in effect.
4. Katherine Landing, Arizona - All lands and waters within the National Recreation Area boundaries as described:

 Township 21 North, Range 21 West, Section 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, and the West 1/2 of Sections 17, 20, and 30.

 Township 21 North, Range 22 West, Sections 1, 12, and 13.

 Township 22 North, Range 22 West, Sections 25, 36, and 24, that portion lying south of the 500-kV powerline.
 5. Katherine Landing, Nevada - All lands and waters commencing at the Arizona/Nevada line at the power line crossing then west to a point on the north section line of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 66 East, 1/2 mile west of the shoreline of Lake Mohave, then south maintaining a distance of one-half mile west of the shoreline to the southern boundary.

No hunting zones are depicted on map number NRA-IM-2405, August 1996, copies of which are on file at all Ranger Stations and at Park Headquarters.

(a) (2) Scavenging from Waste Receptacles

Removing material from trash or garbage containers is prohibited.

2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and Archeological Resources

- (a)(4) Driftwood may be collected from below the high waterline and used in campfires within the recreation area. Dead and downed wood, on the ground, may be collected and used for campfires on the Shivwits Plateau.

2.10 Camping

1. General

- (a) Residing within the park is prohibited.
- (b) Camping within Lake Mead National Recreation Area is limited to 90 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Camping in excess of 90 days is considered to be residency, except marinas and trailer villages; see 3(a) and (b) below.

2. Backcountry, (Boat, Vehicle, Backpack and Horse)

- (a) Camping in the backcountry is permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Backcountry Management Plan as modified in this document as follows:
- (b) Camping is limited to a maximum of:
 - 7 days** – Telephone Cove, Arizona, and Telephone Cove, Nevada (Lake Mohave).
 - 15 days** - All other backcountry or beach camping areas.
- (c) Campers must move to another camp area at least one-half mile away for a minimum of **15 days** before returning to the same camp area.
- (d) Vehicle camping is permitted in designated camp areas only. Those areas are identified in the Backcountry Management Plan, on the park's approved road map and on-site with the approved camping symbol sign.
- (e) Camping is permitted **ONLY** in developed campgrounds within the following described area referred to as the Boulder Basin District. All land and water areas north of U.S. 93 and west of a line drawn from Promontory Point to, and including Lower Gypsum Wash, then north to the park boundary.
- (f) Backpack and horseback camping is not permitted within **one-half mile** of any designated roadway except at designated campsites.

(g) The following areas are added to the list of designated backcountry campsites:

- (1) Burro Wash
- (2) Bighorn Cove
- (3) Horse Thief Canyon
- (4) Cranes Nest Wash
- (5) 2 B's Mine
- (6) Old U.S. 93 Road at mile 12 (north of Willow Beach)
- (7) Fire Mountain Wash
- (8) Walker Bay
- (9) Scanlon Hill
- (10) Yucca Camp
- (11) Lonesome Wash

3. Marinas

- (a) A vessel may not be used for overnight stays for more than **15 days** within any **30-day** period while moored at a marina or buoy within a harbor.
- (b) A vessel may not be used for overnight stays for more than 120 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Any time in excess of that is considered to be residency.

4. Developed Campgrounds

Camping at developed campgrounds is permitted as follows:

- (a) **One** camping unit, i.e., motorhome or camp trailer. (A maximum of two motorized vehicles, four motorcycles or combination thereof if towed or carried on or by a camper may occupy a site).
- (b) Motor vehicles and trailers must be parked in designated areas at each site. Park Rangers have the authority to require campers to move excess vehicles to a site designated by the Ranger.
- (c) A maximum of **eight (8)** persons may occupy one site.
- (d) Camping Limit

30 days all campgrounds except:

15 days in the lower Cottonwood Cove Campground from September 30 through April 15.

5. Trailer Villages

- (a) Long Term - Occupancy of a trailer within a concessioner-operated long-term trailer village is limited to 180 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Occupancy in excess of 180 days is considered to be residency and is prohibited.

NOTE: Site rental agreements dated on or after January 31, 1998, will contain the above occupancy limitations. Current site rental agreements, not containing the above occupancy limitations, will terminate no later than March 31, 2003.

- (b) Short Term - Occupancy of a recreational vehicle (RV) in a concessioner-operated short-term village is limited to 30 days unless there is no waiting list for these sites, in which case occupancy is limited to 180 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period.

2.13 Fires

- (a)(1) Fires are permitted in grills, portable stoves or designated sites in all campgrounds and picnic areas. Except as stated above, fires are prohibited in developed areas. Campfires are permitted throughout the backcountry.
- (a)(3) Burning of garbage, refuse, discarded materials regardless of the physical make up of the items is prohibited.

2.15 Pet Excrement Disposal

- (a)(5) Owners or persons having custody or control of any animal(s) will immediately remove and dispose of excrement voided by an animal(s) under their control. Excrement will be properly disposed of in trash containers.

2.16 Horses and Pack Animals

- (b) Horses and pack animals may be ridden or used throughout the recreation area except in picnic areas, campgrounds and;
- Boulder Beach along the beach from the Causeway/Dive Park south to the south edge of Horsepower Cove parking area.
 - Callville Bay ¼ mile from the developed area along the beach.
 - Echo Bay ¼ mile north in the developed area to the causeway.
 - Temple Bar ¼ on each side of the launch ramp along the beach area.
 - Overton from the concessions RV Park south along the beach to the launch ramp not including the roadway
 - Katherine's landing along the beach in the areas known as South Telephone Cove.
 - Cottonwood Cove along the beach within the harbor limits not including the road or paved areas.
 - Willow Beach from the fish hatchery to the south parking lot not including the

roadway.

Exception: Authorized use in all of these areas is approved for official government purposes only.

3.6 Prohibited Operations, Boat Length

Private vessels over **75 feet in total length** and/or **22 feet total beam** are prohibited. For purposes of this section, total length and beam include all temporary and permanent appurtenances. Manually operated gangplanks designed for passenger boarding that retract flush with the hull when the vessel is underway will be exempted from the appurtenance clause. Total length will be determined by a straight line measurement from the foremost part of the vessel to the aftmost part of the vessel, measured end to end over the deck, and measured parallel to the centerline, with all appurtenances, (excluding gangplanks) in a fully extended position. Total beam will be determined by a straight-line measurement from the outer most sides of the vessel at its widest point with all appurtenances in a fully extended position.

Private vessels will not be allowed to be constructed on site at any location in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Construction includes but is not limited to welding together hull parts, adding any permanent appurtenances, expanding the width or length as described above. Exemptions will be provided on a case by case basis only for commercial operations with valid concession contracts.

Exceptions:

Any boats registered and on the waters of Lake Mead National Recreation Area prior to September 1, 2000, that exceed the described conditions will be permitted with the stipulation that no other modifications to total length or total beam may be made.

Sailboat booms may exceed this standard when underway outside the harbor areas; however, must meet this standard when not under sail.

3.20 Water Skiing

- (a) Towing of persons on water skis, surfboards, and similar devices by vessels is allowed on all waters within the recreational area except in areas posted or where prohibited in 3.20(b)(4) of 36 CFR.

5.3 Business Operations

Waiver of Incidental Business Permit requirement for commercial providers of maintenance and improvements in long-term trailer villages and vacation cabin sites.

- (b) Lessees and renters are authorized to perform, either on their own or through a third party, all maintenance or improvements on real or personal property in accordance with the following stipulations:
 - (1) For maintenance or improvements being performed on the exterior of the trailer or on the trailer site the trailer site renter must obtain written approval, in advance, from the applicable authorized concessionaire.
 - (2) All work performed is included in and/or complies with standards in either the Lake Mead NRA Long Term Trailer Village Standards or Vacation Cabin Site policy.
 - (3) Vacation cabin site lessees must obtain written approval, in advance, from the superintendent for any work or improvements addressed by the vacation cabin site policy.
 - (4) All work shall be in compliance with applicable standards and regulations including state and county building codes, and required permits.
 - (5) Upon each entry, all commercial vendors entering a concessioner-operated trailer village must check in with the concessioner.
 - (6) Work performed in violation of the above authorization and stipulations is grounds for the immediate revocation of the vacation cabin site lease or long term trailer village site rental agreement and removal of all affected personal property and associated improvements from the recreation area.
- (c) This does not include authorization for commercial entities to provide any products or services of convenience otherwise available to the renter or lessee through a concessioner or from outside the recreation area. It also does not allow for personal deliveries or services not associated directly with maintenance or improvement of the vacation cabin, long term trailer, or the sites upon which those items of personal property rest.
- (d) Commercial operators, with the exception of pest control services, are hereby authorized to perform repair, maintenance and improvement services to cabins within the approved cabin site areas and trailers located in the concession operated long term trailer villages without obtaining an Incidental Business Permit.

9.15 Use of Road by Commercial Vehicles

- (a)(1) In addition to a permit fee, a fee of \$0.03 per ton mile will be charged for each commercial load of hard rock minerals, oil or gas transported over park roads, related to mining.

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